

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 250966

21

ORIGIN SS-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /011 R

66617

DRAFTED BY: NEA/INS:DKUX

APPROVED BY: NEA/INS:DKUX

NEA:ESWALKER

S/S - MR. MOFFAT

----- 127773

R 152356Z NOV 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

S E C R E T STATE 250966

EXDIS

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 250966 SENT NEW DELHI INFO ISLAMABAD
DACCA KABUL TEHRAN USUN NEW YORK DATED NOV 13.

QUOTE

S E C R E T STATE 250966

EXDIS

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:PFOR, IN, PK, BD

SUBJECT:CALL ON SECRETARY BY INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY

SUMMARY: INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH IN
NOVEMBER 11 CALL ON SECRETARY EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION
OVER INDIA VISIT. BOTH HE AND SECRETARY AGREED THAT
TALKS IN DELHI HAD ESTABLISHED GOOD BASIS FOR NEW INDO-
AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP. SECRETARY REVIEWED ISLAMABAD,
KABUL AND TEHRAN STOPS, NOTING THAT BHUTTO SEEMED TO
SUPPORT SIMLA PROCESS AND SHAH HAD MUCH IMPROVED
ATTITUDE TOWARD INDIA. KEWAL SINGH PRAISED SECRETARY'S
ROME FOOD CONFERENCE SPEECH. AMBASSADOR KAUL REITERATED
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 250966

INDIAN HOPE FOR FOOD AND FERTILIZER ASSISTANCE FROM U.S.

END SUMMARY.

1. INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS: KEWAL SINGH EMPHASIZED HOW MUCH FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER APPRECIATED SECRETARY'S VISIT TO NEW DELHI. AMBASSADOR KAUL ADDED THAT PRIME MINISTER GANDHI TOLD HIM SHE WAS ALSO VERY PLEASED WITH HER TALKS. KEWAL SINGH SAID THAT THE VISIT MARKED A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THAT THE GOI HOPED TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS BASIS. THE SECRETARY STATED THAT THIS WAS ALSO HIS VIEW; VISIT HAD LAID A VERY GOOD BASIS FOR A NEW RELATIONSHIP.

2. TURNING TO THE JOINT COMMISSION, KEWAL SINGH SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE NOMINATING THE INDIAN CHAIRMEN OF THE THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. FOOD SITUATION: KEWAL SINGH INDICATED THAT THE GOI MUCH APPRECIATED THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME. THE INDIANS WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE RESPONSE HAD NOT BEEN BETTER. SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF SHAPING A SYSTEM ORGANICALLY CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH GLOBAL FOOD PROBLEMS. IN THIS CONTEXT, AMBASSADOR KAUL NOTED THAT INDIA HOPED FOR 2 MILLION TONS ON A CONCESSIONAL FINANCING BASIS FROM THE U.S. THIS YEAR UNDER TITLE I; HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER AN INCREASE IN GRANT ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. THE SECRETARY DISCOURAGED INDIANS FROM THINKING IN TERMS OF A PROGRAM OF THIS MAGNITUDE BUT ADDED THE U.S. WOULD CONSIDER THE INDIAN SITUATION SYMPATHETICALLY. AMBASSADOR KAUL SAID HE HOPED WE WOULD BE ABLE TO INDICATE AN AMOUNT FOR THE FULL YEAR EVEN THOUGH WE MADE FOOD ASSISTANCE ALLOCATIONS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS. INDIA PREFERRED NOTHING BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL FULL YEAR'S AMOUNT COULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

4. TALKS IN PAKISTAN: SECRETARY STATED THAT BHUTTO APPEARED TO SUPPORT THE SIMLA PROCFSS IN PRINCIPLE

BHUTTO ALMOST VERBATIM WHAT THE INDIANS HAD STATED IN
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 250966

NEW DELHI ABOUT THEIR PEACEFUL INTENTIONS AND DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE ON OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. BHUTTO SEEMED QUITE RECEPTIVE, BUT SOME OF THOSE AROUND HIM APPEARED LESS SO. KEWAL SINGH SAID THAT U.S. SUPPORT FOR SIMLA AGREEMENT WAS ESPECIALLY WELCOMED IN NEW DELHI. THE INDIANS HOPED THAT U.S. ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN WOULD NOT COMPLICATE MATTERS. THE SECRETARY STATED THAT HE DID NOT SEE ANY IMMEDIATE PROBLEM HERE.

5. TALKS IN IRAN: SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED FROM HIS TALKS WITH THE SHAH BY THE EVOLUTION OF INDO-IRANIAN RELATIONS. SHAH SEEMED MUCH MORE INCLINED TOWARD A COOPERATIVE APPROACH WITH INDIA THAN APPEARED CASE A YEAR AGO. KEWAL SINGH STRESSED INDIAN SATISFACTION OVER IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH IRAN WHICH WAS STABILIZING FACTOR FOR WHOLE REGION. SECRETARY ADDED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH SHAH ABOUT FERTILIZER DIFFICULTIES AND SHAH INDICATED WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPORT BUILDING UP OF THE FERTILIZER INDUSTRY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL AREA. AMBASSADOR

KAUL INTERJECTED THAT THIS WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME AND THAT IN THE MEANWHILE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE U.S. COULD HELP INDIA WITH FERTILIZER SUPPLIES, SETTING UP A SYSTEM OF EXPORT ALLOCATIONS AS WE HAVE DONE FOR FOODGRAINS.

6. TALKS IN AFGHANISTAN: SECRETARY SAID HE LIKED DAOUD AND THE OTHER AFGHANS HE MET. ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE OF DISPUTE WITH PAKISTAN, HE WAS SOMEWHAT PUZZLED. BOTH SIDES SAID THEY WERE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS, BUT AFGHANS APPEARED TO DEFINE PROBLEM IN WAY NO SOVEREIGN STATE WOULD ACCEPT, NAMELY THAT PAKISTAN SHOULD IMPLEMENT ITS OWN CONSTITUTION. SECRETARY MADE CLEAR TO AFGHANS THAT WE WOULD BE UNHAPPY BY ANY MILITARY MOVE ON THEIR PART. HE ALSO URGED THE PAKS TO NEGOTIATE WITH KABUL.

7. PAK NUCLEAR FREE ZONE PROPOSAL: KEWAL SINGH REFERRED TO THE PAK NUCLEAR FREE ZONE PROPOSAL, ASSERTING PAKS HAD PUT THIS FORWARD WITHOUT CONSULTA-
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 250966

TIONS WITH OTHER STATES OF REGION. WHILE SOME IN DELHI FAVORED TOTAL REJECTION, IN END IT DECIDED TO ADOPT MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE. GOI HAD THEREFORE INTRODUCED ITS OWN RESOLUTION IN UN CALLING FOR SUBJECT FIRST TO BE DISCUSSED BY COUNTRIES OF REGION. SECRETARY RECALLED THAT HE HAD TOLD CHAVAN WE WOULD NOT HARRASS INDIANS ON THIS ISSUE.

8. MIDDLE EAST: KEWAL SINGH, NOTING HE WOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR NEXT WEEK OR SO, ASKED FOR SECRETARY'S APPRAISAL. SECRETARY SAID THAT DECISION OF RABAT SUMMIT WAS NOT HELPFUL AND HAD IN EFFECT BLOCKED NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO WEST BANK. U.S. WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO GET OTHER NEGOTIATIONS GOING.

9. DEBT RELIEF: AS THE MEETING ENDED, AMBASSADOR KAUL
REFERRED TO DEBT RESCHEDULING, EMPHASIZING THAT THE
INDIANS CONSIDERED THIS MORE HELPFUL THAN AID. THE
SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD HAVE MATTER LOOKED INTO. KISSINGER
UNQUOTE KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, MEETINGS, FOOD ASSISTANCE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE250966
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: NEA/INS:DKUX
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740331-0713
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741139/aaaabgvu.tel
Line Count: 174
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 MAY 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <23 MAY 2002 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <18 MAR 2003 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ALL ON SECRETARY BY INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY SUMMARY: INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH IN
TAGS: PFOR, IN, PK, BD
To: LONDON
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005